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Honorable William H. Webster Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

Reference is made to my letter dated May 9, 1988, copy attached for your convenience, which announced that the Surveys and Investigations Staff was undertaking a broadly-based study within the intelligence community.

As part of this on-going project, we are commencing an inquiry into the operations, costs, and effectiveness of programs which obtain, transmit, and process data from unclassified media sources for intelligence purposes.

Staff Members Richard H. Ash, Ranald T. Adams, Jr., Robert C. Goffus, and Carroll H. Hauver, have been assigned to this phase of our efforts.

We will be pleased to meet with whomever you may designate to arrange for obtaining the data pertinent to this matter. If there are any questions, I can be contacted on 225-3881.

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The Secretary of Defense is being advised separately.

R. W. Vandergrift,/Jr.
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Dear Judge Webster:

Reference is made to my letter dated April 25, 1988, advising of our plans to make an inquiry into programs and activities under the Director of Central Intelligence.

This will confirm a discussion between Richard H. Ash and Ranald T. Adams Tr of the Surveys and Investigations Staff, and Deputy Director of the Intelligence Community Staff, and his colleagues on May 5, 1988. time, it was explained that the Surveys and Investigations Staff has been directed to undertake a broadly-based study of current and planned programs and activities under the Director of Central Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense with regard to satellite and hardware procurement and operations, and human, signal, and imagery collection and processing. This inquiry will include, but will not be limited to, an analysis of the functioning and staffing of the Intelligence Community Staff. Members Ash and Adams will conduct this phase of our efforts.

For your additional information, we are commencing an inquiry into the cost and program impact resulting from recent industrial accidents at plants where intelligence-gathering satellites and/or their components are manufactured. Robert C. Coffus, Staff Members and Carroll L. Hauver, have been assigned to this phase of our efforts, to be assisted by Messrs. Ash and Adams as required.

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Other areas of interest will be addressed during the course of the overall study and you will be appropriately advised when these unfold, are defined, and staffed.

Please grant the above named Staff Members clearances and access to any and all programs necessary for them to fulfill their assignments. If you have any questions regarding this matter, I can be contacted on 225-3881.

The Secretary of Defense has been advised separately concerning these matters.

Sincerely,

R. W. Vandergrift, Jr.
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